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Province has a Stonehenge on prairie: Prof

TEMPLE Southern Alberta has its very own Stonehenge, claims a University of Alberta

Gordon Freeman says that about 70 km east of Calgary there's an open-air stone temple that marks the changing seasons and the phases of the moon.

It was originally believed the stones were randomly moved there from melting glaciers, but after studying them for 28 years, Freeman thinks the monument is anything but accidental.

"Genius existed on the prairies 5,000 years ago," he

He has published his findings in a new book titled Alberta's Stonehenge.

World pg 6

Obama signs pay-equity law



New Star Trek updated, sexy





With downtown parking rates jumping by 25 per cent and rates in areas surrounding the core on their way up, some Calgarians are worried an increased reliance on transit and transit parking could push people into residential areas for spots for their cars.

Parking hikes spark residential concerns

Transit watching, takes 'wait and see' approach

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Calgarians living in residential areas near **C-train stations are** worried the increasing downtown parking costs might mean less parking for them on their streets.

With new downtown parking fee increases implemented this week in and around the downtown core and more coming in trendy areas such as Kensington, some are worried it means more transit riders and less transit parking.

Sabrina Manning lives a few blocks away from the Heritage LRT station and she's worried more people will park in her area, "If they are going to make it more difficult for people to get downtown, they should make it easier for people to use public transportation."

Downtown worker Angela Larsen

which will cause more congestion.

"I'll have to wait for people to pass because the streets are so narrow. It will be so time consuming. I just think it's not fair because they don't live there," Manning said, adding the parking lot is already full as early as 8

But others, like 22-yearold law firm employee Angela Larsen, has trouble finding parking at the

Brentwood station lots even when she shows up at 7 a.m. before work.

"I work downtown. For awhile, it used to be a bit cheaper but at one point I just realized that it's just not worth it. Now even at the train they want to make us pay parking."

Larsen said the transit system should improve if parking prices increase.

"If they are going to make it more difficult for people to get downtown,

they should make it easier for people to use public transportation," she added.

Transit spokesperson Ron Collins said he doesn't notice too many cars parking on residential streets right now but said they will be monitoring the situation.

"We will be watching closely to see if more people will take transit due to the downturn in the economy but right now it's speculative, so we will just wait and see," Collins added.

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Cost-of-living for MLAs on hold due to economy

JEFF CUMMINGS

POLITICS Alberta MLAs hoping to make big purchases as they await a five per cent pay raise will have to put those plans on hold.

Premier Ed Stelmach, who makes \$213,450 a year, has told reporters Thursday that an automatic



Premier Ed Stelmach

cost-of-living-related pay hike will be put on hold as the government continues to tighten its belt because of the economic meltdown.

"We had two days of very good meetings with all of our caucus present and we made a number of decisions regarding next year's budget," Stelmach told reporters.

"One is that MLAs will

• Doctors, health care professionals, teachers, police and others in the public sector will still see pay increases, Stelmach said.

not be tak-**Increase** ing an increase." Stelmach said cabinet ministers, their executive assistants, and senior political staffers will also not see a hike in pay

Scott Hennig, the Alberta director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF), said the move still doesn't send the right message to Albertans.

"I think sending the right message would have been to give back the 30 per cent pay hike they've passed themselves this past summer and take the five per cent cost of living increase that they would have been given on April 1," said Hennig.

Alleged fraudster to be handed over to Interpol

A man wanted by Interpol for fraud will be detained in Calgary until his deportation. A hearing yesterday decided Marco Mohamed will be detained on charges from 2007 until he is transferred to Interpol on Monday. METRO CALGARY

Local



Hospital named as golf event's charity

The Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation has been selected as the designated community charity for the LPGA CN Canadian Women's Open event being held in Calgary at the Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club on Aug. 31 to Sept. 6. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the hospital. Katherine Hull, left, won last year's tournament, which took place in Ottawa.

Four arrested in cocaine, gun bust

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Police have arrested two known gang associates and two others after a five-week investigation into a cocaine

manufacturing operation. Two homes were raided on Wednesday — one in Forest Lawn and one in Hidden Valley. Police charged four people in connection with the 1.8 kilograms of cocaine seized,

worth \$183,620. Police also seized two loaded guns and other weapons and drugs.

All four suspects remain in custody until their bail hearings, possibly Friday, but acting Staff Sgt. Gord Eiriksson of the organized crime unit was happy they were behind bars, at least for the time being.

"These are all indicators of gang-related activity, of organized crime and of the ongoing violence that we see throughout the city," Eiriksson said of the bust.

While the bust itself wasn't huge in terms of what police seized, they said it's good news for Calgarians.

"It definitely helps. We got two loaded guns off the street with ammunition ... one bullet, one gun can ruin not just one but many people's lives," Eiriksson added.

District 4 Insp. Ray Robitaille said the people lived in the home where they were allegedly turning cocaine powder into cocaine rock.

"It also goes to show that clearly with the quantity of cocaine that this is definitely for production and commercial sale. (Crack cocaine), there is a high demand for it," he added.

Suspects Lisa Nguyen, Eric Thomas Tse, Ryan Park Hung Li and Stefan Lee face numerous charges including production of cocaine, possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime and illegal possession of weapons.



Insp. Ray Robitaille of District 4 shows media items ceased during a five-week investigation into a cocaine trafficking and manufacturing operation.

Man admits to chopping up body

CRIME A man admitted to killing a 58-year-old Calgary woman during a drug binge before chopping her body into parts and disposing of her along the Bow River.

Former Calgary resident Dean Victor Gosse, 38, pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

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Video Brett Wilson, Business
Person of the Year and
Dragon's Den panelist gives
some advice on the economic
future at metronews.ca/calgary
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Super Bowl, check out
Laurence Heinen's
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Though their Edmonton counterparts shelved a recent bid to implement anti-idling bylaws, Calgary aldermen may revisit the issue — one they dismissed five years ago.

Summer idling just as harmful: Group

ALICIA FOX for Metro Calgary

GREEN While everyone has a critical eye on winter idling, it's the warm summer air that poses the most danger, according to one environmental group.

"(Spring and summer) is the worst," Lindsay Luhnau with Clean Calgary said.

Aside from the numbers

that leave their cars running and the air conditioner that contributes to higher emissions, warmer temperatures create "ideal conditions" for ozone buildup, according to the British Columbia's Environmental Protection Division.

While Clean Calgary backs the proposed notion of the anti-idling campaign, it's also launching Idle-Free Calgary on March 17th, urging Calgarians to "go green for St. Patrick's Day" and educate Calgarians on the dangers.

"The idling bylaw isn't the answer, but it's a tool in the box," Luhnau said, adding that it would provide a course of action for those who want to see neighbours or co-workers stop environmentally unfriendly habits.

New TV channel to help give blind more accessibility

JENNIFER HILLIKER for Metro Calgary



Blind Calgarians will be able to get more value out of television starting today.

All basic satellite and cable packages will launch The Accessible Channel, which has descriptive video, a process in which a narrator describes key visual elements of a movie, documentary or TV show

that are not apparent if one relies on the original soundtrack alone.

"Description, opposed to no description, is like the difference between the experience a sighted person would inherit watching an NHL game on TV versus listening to a play-by-play sportscaster call the game on local radio," said Rob Sleath, chair of Advocates for Sight Impaired Consumers (ASIC).

News in brief

BBQ Over 1,500 low income and homeless Calgarians are expected to enjoy a BBQ on Saturday at the Drop-in Centre. CJAY 92's Gerry Forbes and friends are also slotted to attend the event, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HOMELESSNESS The Calgary

Homeless Foundation is on track to meet the first year outcomes of its 10-year plan to end homelessness, Tim Richter, president of the foundation, said Thursday. It will receive key funding from the provincial government to meet its goals.

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Alberta names new top doctor The Alberta government has named a new top doctor. Dr. Andre Corrieveau from the Northwest Territories was announced as the new Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta yesterday. METRO CALGARY

Sellers can also be duped

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"Hello my friend, I would like to purchase your (item here) for hundreds more than you're asking and I would like to send you the payment now."

If you've tried to sell on Internet sites then you have probably heard this scam more than a few times, and, according to

city police, you may have even fallen for it.

"We do get calls from people who were approached by these scams and people who have actually lost money. It definitely happens a lot around the world and in Calgary, too," Acting Sgt. Kathy Macdonald of the Calgary Police Service Internet crime prevention team said.

Macdonald said these types of Internet scams

and often seem "too good to be true" because they are.

"Some of them will try to get your empathy because they say they are sick or offer more money. They play on people and they are often pretty smooth," she

Macdonald said scammers will often pay with a fake cheque and if the seller cashes it, they will later

prey on people's emotions be on the hook for the money to the bank.

Mario Yves, 29, said he often sells electronics online and remembers the first time he fell for the scam — almost.

"I took the payment from the guy and he said he accidently made the cheque for \$1,000 more than I asked for," Yves said. "He asked me to cash it and send the money back, but I knew that was sketchy."



People are often told "buyer beware," but there are also risks for those who sell items online.

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University of Alberta expands into Calgary

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The University of Alberta officially expanded on Calgary turf Wednesday, igniting a bit of healthy competition with the University of Calgary.

The Edmonton-based U of A's downtown expansion comes shortly after news that the U of C plans to have a downtown presence as well. It just received a \$5-million per year grant from the Alberta government to get a lease in the core of the city.

"In our opinion, it's OK to have a little bit of competition," said Dalmy Baez, president of the Student's Union at the U of C.

"It keeps us on our toes." The U of A's Calgary Centre at 333-5 Ave. SW is now fit with a 48-seat classroom, which is to be mostly used for executive train-

It is kind of a U of A boutique on street level right downtown Calgary," said Andrea Marsh, the Calgary Centre's director of external relations. "The traffic has been quite heavy and we hadn't even had our external signage up yet. Now that this has happened, we expect this to be a very busy place."

News in brief

BANKRUPTCIES Consumer bankruptcies in Calgary increased dramatically by the end of 2008 after showing their lowest levels in five years in the first two quarters, according to Equifax Canada. Numbers released Thursday show the year-to-date total was 12 per cent higher than the same time a year earlier, which was 2,292 in November 2007, compared with 2,588 in

CATTLE A University of Calgary team of scientists announced yesterday it has discovered a new way to test for BSE in live cows that could revolutionize the cattle industry. The U of C researchers partnered with

German collaborators to discover the simple way to test on live animals months before clinical signs of the disease become evident. The disease was previously only detected in dead animals, they said.

COURT Edmonton Journal lawyers are heading to the Supreme Court of Canada to appeal a decision by the Alberta Court of Appeal to have publication bans on what is said during bail hearings. The Alberta court system ruled an accused person's right to a fair trial trumps the public's right to know. The Journal is challenging the constitutionality of the ban.

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Breast implants do not raise cancer risk, study shows

Women with cosmetic breast implants do not appear to have a higher-than-average risk of developing any type of cancer, even years after the surgery, according to a new study. Researchers who studied more than 6,200 women for 15 to 25 years found the long-term risk of developing breast cancer was lower than the norm. REUTERS

Canada/World

Health Mad cow breakthrough?



Christoph Sensen, right, and Bob Church, both faculty members of the University of Calgary, stand on the prairie at a ranch outside Airdrie, Alta. They have developed a blood test that can diagnose fatal chronic wasting disease in elk, and believe it may provide a cheap way to screen cattle for mad cow disease.

Teen banned for chatting with Cherry

Don Cherry loves it when kids talk to him. But an Oshawa, Ont., teen has been banned from his job as a volunteer cameraman at the General Motors Centre for doing just that.

Billy Steele, 17, was told that approaching a celebrity like Cherry at a special hockey event two-and-ahalf weeks ago was against the rules.

The company that runs the centre, Global Spectrum, said he's no longer welcome in the building in his capacity as a volunteer with Rogers TV, which covers OHL games there.

The edict has outraged



Billy Steele, 17, with Don Cherry on Jan. 14.

Billy's father, Bill Steele, who has filed a human rights complaint alleging workplace discrimination in the workplace because his son has a severe learning disability.

And Cherry is "infuriated" with Global Spectrum over the incident.

"I resent the fact that (they've) brought my name into firing a young kid who comes up and asks me about my ties," he said in a phone interview.

The brief encounter on Jan. 14 wasn't an issue for the flamboyant host of Hockey Night in Canada commentator.

"Oh, geez, please, me complain? I love it when kids come up and are friendly like that. I welcome kids — that's why I wear those goofy ties," he said, offering to talk to Global Spectrum to get Billy his job back.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Obama signs 1st bill with pay-equity law

Barack Obama signed his first bill into law Thursday, handing his labour and women's rights backers a victory by reversing a 2007 U.S. Supreme Court decision that made it harder to sue for pay discrimination.

With the woman for whom the law was named at his side, Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act at a White House ceremony. Congress passed the measure this week and many leaders attended the

"Signing this bill today is to send a clear message: that making our economy work means making sure it works "Signing this bill today is to send a clear message: that making our economy work means making sure it works for everybody." U.S. President Barack Obama

for everybody, that there are no second-class citizens in our workplaces," said the Democratic president.

Pay equity was a sensitive issue during the presidential election campaign, especially among labour unions and women voters. On average, U.S. women are paid 23 per cent less than men.

Ledbetter is an Alabama woman who discovered after 19 years on the job that she was the lowest-paid supervisor at her plant despite having more experience than several male co-work-

A jury found she was the victim of discrimination.

But during the Bush administration, the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision reversed what critics said was decades of legal precedent by declaring that discrimination claims must be filed within 180 days of the first offence.

French unions call massive strike

LABOUR Hundreds of thousands of teachers, nurses, factory workers and plumbers marched through French cities on Thursday to demand raises and job protection.

The demonstrations were the high point of a nationwide one-day strike called by France's eight main trade unions to try to persuade President Nicolas Sarkozy and business leaders to do more to help ordinary people overcome the economic crisis.

One-in-three and rail workers and onein-four workers at the post office walked off the job.

In a rare show of unity, the unions drew up a joint list of demands for the government and companies. workers, as well as drop-



Public- and private-sector workers demonstrate during a protest march Thursday in Lyon.

Specific demands included better pay and conditions for public transport

ping plans to reform the health sector and cut 13,500 jobs in education this year. REUTERS

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Israel must investigate war-crime charges: U.S.

GAZA Israel must investi- Susan Rice said. gate allegations that its army violated international law during its three-week war against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip, the new U.S. envoy to the United Nations said Thursday.

"We expect Israel will meet its international obligations to investigate and we also call upon all members of the international community to refrain from politicizing these important issues," Ambassador

Rice said that Hamas had been guilty of violating international law through rocket attacks against Israeli civilians and the use of civilian facilities to provide protection for attacks.

Israel fired on several UN installations in Gaza, including schools, where hundreds of Palestinians had been seeking shelter. Israel rejects allegations that its army was guilty of war crimes. REUTERS

News in brief

BLAGOJEVICH Illinois Gov. Rod Blagoievich was convicted of impeachment charges and removed from office Thursday, eight weeks after he was arrested on charges of trying to sell a U.S. Senate seat. The Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to oust him immediately, and by the same margin barred him from holding public office in the state again.

IRAQ An Iraqi town has unveiled a giant monument of a shoe honouring a journalist who threw his footwear at former U.S. president George W.

Cloning getting cheaper all the time

A South Korean biotech firm has unveiled a new cloning technology using stem cells from fat tissue, which is half the \$100,000 US cost of current methods. REUTERS

Business

Tories talk tough on **U.S.** protectionism

The Conservative government is concerned about protectionist pressures in the United States but is confident the U.S. administration will live up to its treaty obligations, the federal Industry minister said on TV yesterday.

Tony Clement, speaking on the CBC program, News: Morning, said the government is building a very strong relationship with the new U.S. administration and that President Barack Obama's trip to Ottawa on Feb. 19 will provide a good opportunity for the two countries and major trading partners to strengthen ties.

The U.S. Congress passed a new \$819 billion US stim-

"The United States has treaty obligations that they've signed onto."

Tony Clement

ulus package Wednesday that included a clause that said funds made available in the act can be used only on projects in which all of the iron and steel for them are produced in the United States. The U.S. Senate has yet to vote on the stimulus package.

Clement expressed his concern: "The U.S. Congress is a place where you get manifestations of protectionist pressures, there's

"The United States has treaty obligations that they've signed onto, NAF-TA is one, the World Trade Organization is another, and we expect the United States to live up to its treaty obligations of open and fair trade."

Canada exports about \$6 billion in steel to the U.S. annually.

PM weighs in

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has asked Washington to withdraw the "Buy America" provision from the stimulus plan, suggesting it violates WTO rules.

Obama slams Wall St. bonuses

CRITICISM U.S. President Barack Obama believes the multibillion-dollar bonuses that Wall Street banks awarded themselves for 2008 are "outrageous," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said yesterday.

The New York comptroller reported this week that Wall Street firms paid out \$18.4 billion US in bonuses to employees, despite receiving multibillion-dollar payouts from the government.

"We're not going to be able to do what is needed to be done to stabilize our financial situation if the American people read about this type of outrageous behaviour," Gibbs said.

In **brief**

RETIREMENT As retirement savings and pension plans devalue, 48 per cent of employed Canadians believe they will work beyond the customary retirement age of 65, according to a Sun Life Financial survey. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EARNINGS The U.S. division of Ford Motor Co. reported a record \$14.6 billion US full-year loss yesterday but said it would have the cash to survive without a U.S. government bailout. The automaker plans to cut 2,500 white-collar-jobs. **REUTERS**

Web top choice for youth

MEDIA Internet usage is growing so quickly across Canada that it will surpass television as the medium of choice in the key 25 to 34-year-old group in under a decade, says a new study presented at Advertising Week in Toronto.

Today, the web ranks over print media, but still below TV and radio, the Canadian Media Usage

Trends Study found.

"People carry their media habits forward as they age" so the high Internet usage among 18 to 24 yearolds today will vault it ahead to the top spot over TV among 25-to-34 yearolds in eight years, predicted Rob Young of research PHD Canada, agency which conducted the TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Confidence sagging: Think-tank

SURVEY Business confidence in Canada deteriorated in the fourth quarter and companies are expected to curb investment plans in 2009 as they deal with a weaker economy, the Conference Board of Canada said yesterday.

The index of business confidence fell 9.1 points in the final three months of 2008 to 68.9 points. It is the index's sixth quarterly

decline, the board said, citing a survey it conducted in the first three weeks of January.

The index has fallen below that level only twice in the past: in the third quarter of 2001 and during the 1990-91 recession. In both cases the drop preceded a squeeze in business capital investment. The pattern is set to repeat itself in 2009, the Board said.

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EPFX offers 'miracle' cures

Machine being sold in Canada as unsupported claims grow





n my years as a reporter covering health stories, I thought I'd seen it all. But nothing compares to my investigation into the latest "miracle" machine that is sweeping Canada.

It's called the EPFX — Electro Physiological Feedback Xrroid. You can find it in alternative health care clinics, chiropractor and massage therapists. A session costs up to \$200.

To buy the machine and start operating as an EPFX practitioner costs about \$20,000 — not exactly chump change. The company's inventor claims he's selling about 40 devices a month in

Canada (do the math that's \$800,000 a month).

The device is hooked up to a patient with straps that wrap around the ankles, wrists, and forehead. The device supposedly reads the body's reactivity to various frequencies, and then sends back other frequencies to make changes in the body.

Sound complicated? We thought so, too. But when

we asked practitioners to explain it, they said it was too hard for anyone

In North America, the EPFX is only licensed as a biofeedback device for stress reduction. Practitioners aren't allowed to claim it cures disease because there's no scientific proof that

the inventor to under-

stand. We heard what prac-

titioners promise the EPFX

can do — and the claims

are amazing. Not only can

the device treat AIDS and

Parkinson's, some tell us it

has made cancer disap-

pear. That's what Karen

McBeth hoped when she

bought an EPFX to treat

her bone cancer. The Seat-

tle woman shelled out al-

most \$20,000 after being

told the device would heal

her. Sadly, it didn't, and

McBeth died.

it does. But that doesn't stop practitioners from singing its praises. So we travelled to Hungary, to talk to inven-

tor Bill Nelson. When we

William (Bill) Nelson - the inventor of the EPFX

met, he was dressed as his female alter-ego, Desire Dubounet. Nelson says he's part female. And he made some pretty outrageous claims.

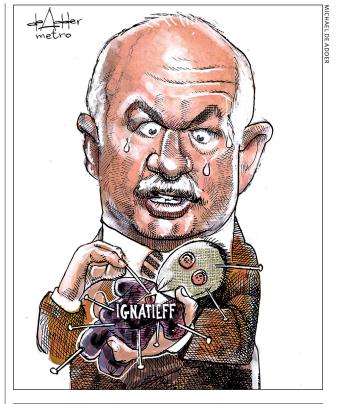
Nelson talked to us about a study he did on 7,000 cancer patients. After a few sessions on his medical device, he claimed that 2,000 people didn't have cancer anymore.

Hard to believe? should be.

We asked for studies to back up claims about this miracle machine, but the inventor couldn't provide a single study that would stand up to scientific scrutiny.

And still, vulnerable people are buying in. And Health Canada is allowing the machine to be marketed to reduce stress — as a biofeedback device — so no one's clamping down on false claims, while sales continue to grow.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television



Quote of the Day

"Another Conservative budget rubber stamped by another Liberal leader. It's official: Michael Ignatieff failed his first big test as Liberal leader."

- A televised NDP ad on Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Views

The public library's only fault is its lack of self-promotion

UrbanCompass Janice Paskey



You know her.

She's the most reliable employee in your office. committed Competent, and caring. Unflashy and underpaid, she's usually taken for granted.

In our midst, we have a parallel. The Calgary Public Li-

Did you hear its name trumpeted during any federal budget handouts?

That's \$40 million for Telus World of Science; CPL: 0.

Yet, it's our library that is more used, more accessible, and the best value for the money during this downturn.

Take those raised parking fees and divert them to the library. You might not hear so many complaints.

The city gives the Calgary Public Library \$32.9 million of its current yearly \$41.5-million budget.

The rest is from the province based on Calgary's 2005 city population, and from grants.

Smartly, both governments came together for a Signal Hill renovation.

This year, the library asked the city for another \$1.5 million for additional staffing and received \$1.2 million.

The Calgary Public Library deserves the whole amount. Consider it serves all Calgarians, and has the highest approval rating of any public service.

Have you put an item on reserve lately?

Its express system is so efficient, it makes you want to cry. If your branch does-

n't have what you're looking for, you can request a transfer and, boom, it arrives. Each year, the library

lends out millions of books, CDs, DVDs, and works hard to gear its collections to regional interests.

Some libraries have more Punjabi-language materials, some more Mandarin.

No stuffy attitudes here. The CPL has tapped into video game literacy, and has Wii programs up and running. Overall, it's a bustling family



stance, runs a parent-child

book club, which is why I'm

up on Tales of Despereaux.

The library staff deserves even closer examination. I keep watching for a misstep; I've yet to see it. CPL staff

> treats patrons respect, with and patience. Consider that the library

attracts the "public"— people with serious mental and emotional problems, kids unaccom-

panied, patrons grumbling over fines, distressed job seekers, and this equanimity is even more remarkable.

What triage nurses earn at

our hospitals, so should library frontline staff.

The library has plans for a new downtown branch, if it can get the land and financ-

Unlike the city bridge folks, it's holding an architectural competition.

A new city centre library could be major cultural and tourist attraction, just like those in Salt Lake City and Minneapolis.

So taxpayers speak up. Our library system has proven itself many times over.

Its only weakness is that in helping the citizens of Calgary, it fails to forcefully tell its own story at every turn.

Janice Paskey teaches journalism at Mount Royal College, serves on her community asso-ciation board and is proud mom to two boys.

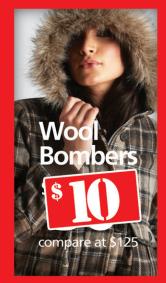
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The North American Aerospace Defence Command said it will enforce flight restrictions over the Tampa during Sunday's game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Super Bowl XIIII

Prop it up this Super Sunday



t some point in the past decade or so, merely wagering on the outcomes of Super Bowl games themselves became insufficient and unsatisfactory for the general public — and so bookmakers introduced what we commonly refer to these days as prop bets.

The bookies — whether from Las Vegas, your local neighbourhood, online gambling services or even your favourite government lottery — began to lure extra revenue by giving bettors opportunities to lay down sheckels on props such as the number of passes a quarterback would complete in the Super Bowl or how many tackles a linebacker would record.

These were relatively sensible, understandable gamerelated matters.

Somewhere along the way, however, bookies decided it was prudent to appease degenerates who needed action on virtually anything and everything on Super Bowl Sundays, like the coin toss (heads or tails) or whether a specified kicker would score more points than a specified forward playing in an NHL match at the same time.

Well, prop bets have reached a new high (low?) for this Sunday's Super Bowl between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Arizona Cardinals. Consider these two props being offered by a handful of books:

A) An over/under (3.5) on how many times the television broadcast will cut to shots of Brenda Warner, wife of Cards quarterback Kurt Warner.

B) An over/under (nine) on how many times the broadcasters will refer to Pittsburgh quarterback Ben

Roethlisberger as Big Ben. Weird, eh? Just think: Folks involved in the broadcast (directors in the case of the Warner prop and announcers in the case of the Roethlisberger one) have complete control over these

Berger's finale?

 Sunday's Super Bowl could be Mitch Berger's NFL swan song. The Steelers' punter, 36, is a B.C. native and has an off-season home in Arizona.

developments. What's to prevent them from advising their relatives to bet all they can on the overs, and then ensure they cut to Brenda four times or mention Big Ben 10 times?

And if you doubt this can happen, consider this: A recent survey revealed nobody is less trusted in this world than media types.

• Flakiest players in Sunday's game:

The kickers, hands down. Or, should I say, feet down? "I don't know why," Steelers kicker Jeff Reed divulged, "but I bend down to change the sock on my kicking foot at the start of each quarter."

Cards kicker Neil Rackers, meanwhile, always eats pre-game meals consisting of spaghetti and precisely three meatballs, which to him represents the number of points he aims to produce on each of his fieldgoal attempts.

• Sunday may well be the final Arizona appearances for three key offensive players. Warner, receiver Anquan Boldin and running back Edgerrin James will all be eligible for free agency.



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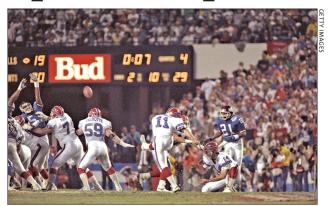
The top 5 Super Bowls of all time

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XXV Jan. 27, 1991 Giants 20, Bills 19

Set against the backdrop of the first Gulf War, the high-powered no-huddle Buffalo Bills offence entered Super Bowl XXV having scored 95 points in two playoff games, and were 10point favourites over the ball-control, grind-it-out New York Giants. In the only Super Bowl where neither team turned the ball over once, the Bill Parcells-Bill Belichick Giants defence held Buffalo's K-Gun offence in check and ate up the clock to the tune of 40:33 in time of possession.

Thurman Thomas's dramatic 31-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter gave the Bills a two-point lead, but after a 10-minute New York drive ended in a Matt Bahr field goal, the Bills desperately drove back downfield, setting up a Scott Norwood 47-



Buffalo Bills kicker Scott Norwood missed a potential game-winning field-goal attempt in Super Bowl XXV in 1991.

yard game winning field goal. He missed wide right, with seven seconds on the

Feb. 3, 2008 Giants 17, Patriots 14

The New England Patriots arrived in Arizona for Super Bowl XLII 18-0, only the second team in NFL history to have an undefeated regular season. But the wild-card New York Giants came in riding a wave of momentum, and by the second cle 32-yard first down com-

quarter of the game it was clear that New York wasn't going to let the Patriots' high-powered offence roll through them. New England had a season-low seven points at halftime. In the fourth quarter the Pats appeared to take control when Tom Brady hooked up with Randy Moss on a sixyard touchdown pass, but on the ensuing Giants drive Eli Manning escaped a sack and found David Tyree on 3rd-and-5 with a near-mira-

punched in the Super Bowlwinning score when Plaxico Burress caught a 13-yard TD pass from Manning.

Feb. 3, 2002 Patriots 20, Rams 17

The first big game post 9-11 pitted the Patriots against the heavily favoured St. Louis Rams and their "Greatest Show on Turf" offence. The plucky Pats and fledgling QB Tom Brady opened up a shocking 14-3 lead at halftime before Kurt Warner and the Rams offence responded in the fourth quarter, tying the game at 17 with 1:30 left in the game.

The Brady legend planted its seeds in the next minute and 23 seconds as he led New England downfield, setting up Adam Vinatieri's game-winning 48-yard field goal.

Giants receiver David Tyree makes a remarkable grab to help lead New York over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIII in 2008.

Jan. 30, 2000 Rams 23, Titans 16

The first Super Bowl of the new millennium was as boring as they come for most of the game, with the St. Louis Rams leading Ten-16-0 midway nessee through the third. But after the Tennessee Titans scored 16 unanswered points, St. Louis got it's record-setting offence going, with Kurt Warner throwing a 73-yard TD strike to Isaac Bruce with under seven minutes left. Scrambling to tie the game, Steve McNair and the Titans moved the ball

> downfield, with six seconds left and no time-

McNair hit Kevin Dyson on a slant pass inside the Rams' three-yard-line. However St. Louis linebacker Mike Jones tackled him at the one-yard-line as time expired.

Jan. 22, 1989 49ers 20, Bengals 16

Tied 6-6 in the third quarter, Cincinnati's Stanford Jennings returned a San Francisco kickoff for an electrifying 93-yard touchdown return. Down 16-13 Joe Montana and Jerry Rice went to work. The greatest clutch player in professional football history took control with 3:10 remaining, as Montana drove the Niners 92 yards in 11 plays. In a huddle at the Cincinnati 10, Montana said to tackle Barton, Harris there's John Candy," pointing out the Canadian comic in the stands. Montana then promptly won the Super Bowl, hitting John Taylor for the game-winning score with 34 seconds remaining.



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Bosh back to all-star game

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Raptors forward Chris Bosh was named to his fourth straight NBA Eastern Conference all-star team Thursday night when the reserves were announced for the Feb. 15 game in Phoenix. The 24-year-old is in the midst of his most productive season, averaging 23.2 points and 9.7 rebounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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"It feels like we're taking a step backwards ... They lack knowledge about the present game."

Canadian midfielder Julian de Guzman, blasting the Canadian Soccer Association Thursday, saying the organization doesn't take the game seriously.

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FERNIE: No new snow, 156 cm

base, 9 lifts, 106 runs available. **KICKING HORSE**: 3 cm new snow, 119 cm base, 5 lifts, 105 trails open.

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Canucks feeling the heat

NHL Victims of a seven-game losing streak, tension and frustration boiled over at the Vancouver Canucks' practice on Thursday.

Veteran defenseman

Willie Mitchell and rookie forward Mason Raymond got into an altercation when the two jousted in front of the net, tsn.ca reported.

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Federer living a dream

Roger Federer moved one win away from a record-equalling 14th grand slam title on Thursday, blasting Andy Roddick off court as Melbourne sweltered through a once-in-a-century heat wave.

Cool and collected as all around him wilted, the Swiss maestro notched his 16th victory over the American 6-2, 7-5, 7-5 to reach his 18th Grand Slam final and fourth one at the Australian Open.

Earlier, Serena Williams also reached her fourth Australian Open final, slamming the brakes on Elena Dementieva's 15match winning streak. She faces Dinara Safina in Saturday's final.

Federer set up Sunday's showdown against either top seed Rafael Nadal or



Andy Roddick lost in straight sets to Roger Federer.

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night session, having closed it during the day to fend off the sun, which

Federer put on a master class of power and precision tennis to reach his 18th Grand Slam final — one short of Ivan Lendl's record.

"Look, if I am completely honest, you dream of playing the big tournaments, your dream is to win Wimbledon and then if No. 1 comes around, it's too good to be true. But to dominate to this extent ... I guess I am living the dream."

Williams was also in dreamland after sweeping aside Dementieva, although she knew she could improve.

"A perfect match for me?
Oh, no, no, no. But it was
definitely better," the
American second seed
smiled after her 6-3, 6-4
win.



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Love's leading lady

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Renee Zellweger plays an ambitious executive who temporarily relocates to wintery New Ulm, Minn., in New in Town, the latest romantic comedy outing for this female-favourite actress.

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Preview of Star Trek shows sexier, edgier new vision.



Franz Ferdinand explain the new techno/disco sound.



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Dylan, Joplin on Watchmen soundtrack
The soundtrack for the film Watchmen will feature new music from My Chemical Romance along with Billie Holiday,
Janis Joplin, Bob Dylan and others. It will hit store shelves on March 3. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Nothing new in Town

New in **Town**

Director: Jonas Elmer Stars: Renée Zellweger, Harry Connick Ir.

Classification: PG Rating: #1/2

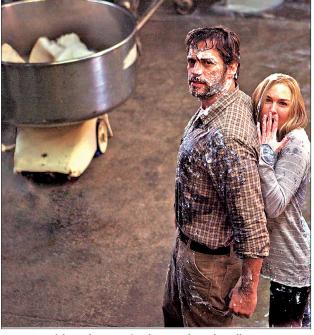
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Maybe it's solely because she's so connected to the role of Bridget Jones but Renée Zellweger has become one of those elusive actresses that women love and men are completely indifferent about. You know, like Meg Ryan.

It's not that Zellweger's unattractive or that she can't act but in her romantic comedy New in Town, she's definitely struggling to breathe life into a rather repeated premise and some pretty drowsy dialogue.

Zellweger plays an ambitious executive who temporarily relocates to wintery New Ulm, Minnesota in order to advance her career by overseeing the shutdown of a manufacturing plant.

There, she meets an array of faceless factory workers, tapioca-obsessed rubes and the plant's ruggedly handsome, but overly serious union boss (Harry Connick Jr.) who's



Harry Connick Jr. plays a union boss and Renée Zellweger an ambitious executive who butt heads but end up falling for each other in the romantic comedy New in Town.

On the web

• For a New In Town trailer, and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

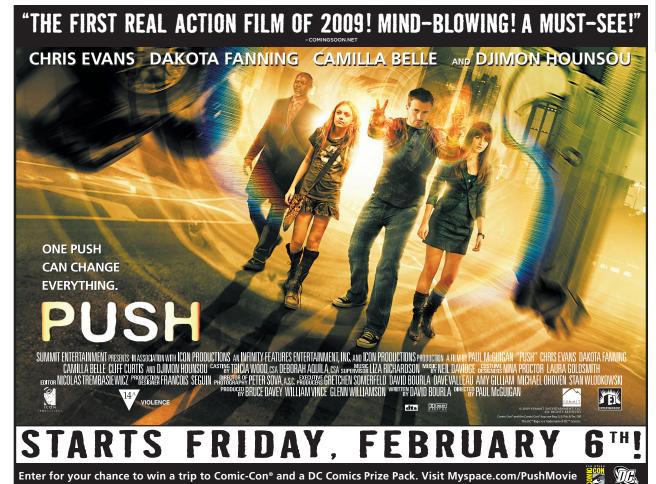
determined to ensure workers don't lose their job. Can you guess whom she reluctantly takes an interest in?

The set-up of course is sound enough for a romcom. You might even expect a myriad of delightful disagreements between the two opposing would-be lovers.

But you'd be wrong. Instead, New in Town overlooks the first rule of the rom-com: The two leads must hate each other unequivocally. Here, the pair's aversion turns to adoration with disappointing, unfunny and anticlimactic haste.

That said, at least Danish director Jonas Elmer knew his audience well enough to cast not only female fave Zellweger, but also Connick Jr. (who's actually not bad after a dreadful turn in 2007's P.S. I Love You).

However, while the pair may make this rom-com tolerable to some female filmgoers, New in Town will have most people breathlessly counting down the seconds to departure.



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New take on Trek

Sexier approach in franchise reboot

PHIL BROWN



Paramount came to Toronto with roughly 30 minutes of completed footage from its summer blockbuster reboot of Star Trek last week. The preview reel opened with an intro from director J.J. Abrams (the absurdly rich creator of Alias and Lost) who openly admitted to not being a huge fan of the series.

The news isn't great for obsessive trekkies encyclopedic whose knowledge of the franchise can be terrifyingly thorough and purist, but it won't necessarily be a problem for the moviegoing public at large.

footage From the screened, it seems that rather than creating a geek-centric origin story that all the die-hard fans have already written in the heads, Abrams is attempting a Casino Royale-style franchise reboot that will stay true to the established universe while also reinventing and expanding the possibilities of the series for more demanding contemporary audiences.

The sneak peak showed an updated Kirk with a far more developed sense of bad-assery than camp icon William Shatner ever brought to the role. This Kirk is a more active, arrogant, and ambitious charMovie feature

acter, unafraid to get his hands bloody.

This change in character seems to be representative of the new take on the franchise as a whole, which combines kinetic action storytelling with the classic Star Trek logic-driven allegorical sci-fi.

That said, there is still a concern that this younger, faster, sexier approach will breed a Dawson Creek In Space reboot that will lack the intellectual depth that has defined the series to this point.

While some of the actors do look like they were cast for their pretty headshots rather than acting abilities, the footage did showcase some eccentric character work from Simon Pegg that suggests some deeper three-dimensional characterizations this time around.

We won't know if Abrams' experiment works until the May release, but one thing is for sure: The scale and action of this film will be on a whole other level than previous Trek outings.

Abrams has come a long way since the limited but impressive action set pieces on Alias and based on the early footage, the action in his Star Trek alone will create new fans.

Whether or not that will come at the expense of of the world's most devoted fanbase remains to be seen, but at least it looks like this probably won't be another Phantom Menace



A scene from the upcoming Star Trek. The J.J. Abrams-directed film aims to draw in more fans by adding a more contemporary approach to the franchise's origin story.

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Taken

Director: Pierre Morel Stars: Liam Neeson Classification: 14A Rating: ###%

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REVIEW A frenetic cross between the Bourne trilogy and Steven Soderbergh's underappreciated revenge flick The Limey, Taken is a bright light after a month full of mediocrity.

Directed by Pierre Morel (District 13) from a Luc Besson (The Transporter) script, Liam Neeson stars as Bryan Mills, a retired CIA agent who wants nothing more than to make up for lost time his 17-year-old

daughter Kim (played by Maggie Grace).

Now spoiled by her snotty mother and rich step-dad (she even gets a pony for her birthday!), Kim is leaving for Paris against Brian's overly concerned wishes.

As it turns out, he's right. Although it takes nearly a third of the film to get there, Kim and a friend arrive in Paris only to be carted off by Albanian sex traffickers while she's on the phone with daddy. This is where Taken kicks into overdrive.

Neeson is near perfect as the vengeful father who's not afraid to get blood on his hands. With unspoken ease, he exhibits a commanding presence and a surprising prowess with the punches — especially given that he's now in his

Also opening

Also hitting theatres this weekend in The Uninvited. For a review of the film, visit metronews.ca/movies this weekend. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Psychic sci-fi propels Push In a Class of its own

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

When Push hits theatres next Friday, it won't just be the latest science fiction thriller to hit the multiplexes; it'll be a small glimpse into a shadowy world that conspiracists have professed to be true for decades.

To most, the notion that someone being able to psychically "push" thoughts and emotions into somebody else's mind may be far-fetched but to others director like Paul McGuigan, it may not be so preposterous.

"I was on the Internet looking at remote viewing for instance," said the director during a recent phone interview.

"Remote viewing (is a notion that) you can have special powers that enable you to be outside a room, (but) you can tell what's inside the room.

"That's kind of crazy but



Dakota Fanning, centre, on the set of Push. The young actor plays a teen who has the ability to self-induce visions of the future in the upcoming sci-fi thriller.

there are people who are experts at this that have been used by government agencies for years and years."

Push is definitely not shying away from that concept either. Featuring a wide array of abilities, this thriller focuses on a group of gifted young psychics on the run from a seedy government agency that's trying to wrangle

them for experimental purposes. Although the premise of gifted clairvovants and psychic bloodhounds are fascinating enough, McGuigan didn't get too wrapped up in the conspiracy.

"I always just thought of this as a sci-fi thriller sort of a film noir in the very much there." sci-fi world and I kept it grounded

Movie **feature**

Perhaps the film's most intriguing character is 13year-old Cassie Holmes, a 'watcher" who has the ability to self-induce visions of the future. Played by Dakota Fanning (Charlotte's Web), Push also marks a noticeably darker shift in the talented child star's acting career.

"She basically reads (a script) and decides how she wants to play it," said McGuigan about his impressive leading lady. The director behind acclaimed films like Wicker Park and Lucky Number Slevin has even recently called Fanning the "best actor he's ever worked with."

"It's the poise; it is just knowing that life is not that complicated. We kind of gather the complications of life as we get older and she really hasn't done that," said McGuigan. "I can't imagine what she's going to be like in ten years time."

The Class

Director: Laurent Cantet Stars: Francois Begaudeau **Classification:** STC **Rating:** ●●●

KEVIN COURRIER for Metro Canada

REVIEW Most movies about idealistic teachers who inspire their charges, whether they're sappy (To Sir, With Love, Dead Poet's Society), brutal (Lean On Me), or decent (Freedom Writers), still become painfully predictable. They're rarely about real education and more about learning life lessons. People don't learn; they get ennobled. The Class is that rare exception, a riveting picture that examines the complex dynamic that develops between an inspired teacher and a motley group of students.

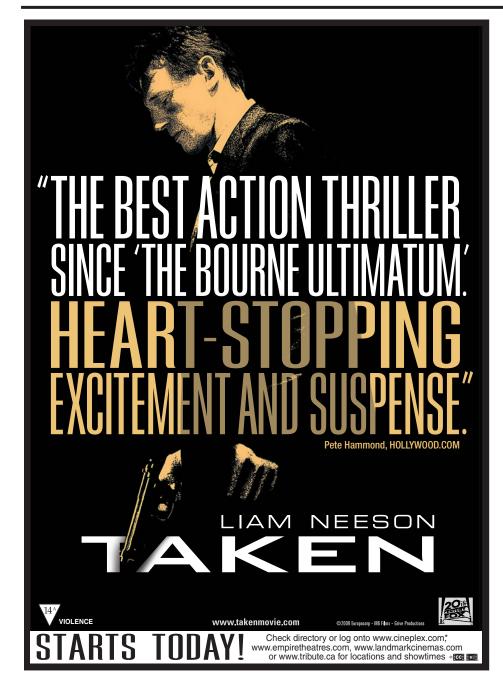
The Class, based on a book by Francois Begaudeau, deals with a teacher in a multi-ethnic neighborhood in Paris, who

attempts to teach a diverse group of students from various social classes and cultures.

Director Laurent Cantet (Time Out, Heading South) loosely adapts the material into an entertaining, yet incisive, look at how the process of learning can be predicated by certain social and political realities. For instance, Wei, a Chinese teen, is one his best stu-

But his learning is affected by his self-effacing shyness and the tumult brought on by his mother (an illegal alien) facing deportation. Soulaymane (Franck Keita), from Mali, is a troubled and failing student who faces both expulsion and a father prepared to send him back to Africa.

In The Class, Cantet shows a probing intelligence that doesn't settle for easy answers, or pose obvious resolutions. Put simply, Francois and his students don't all reach a common end. The Class is clearly in a class of its own.





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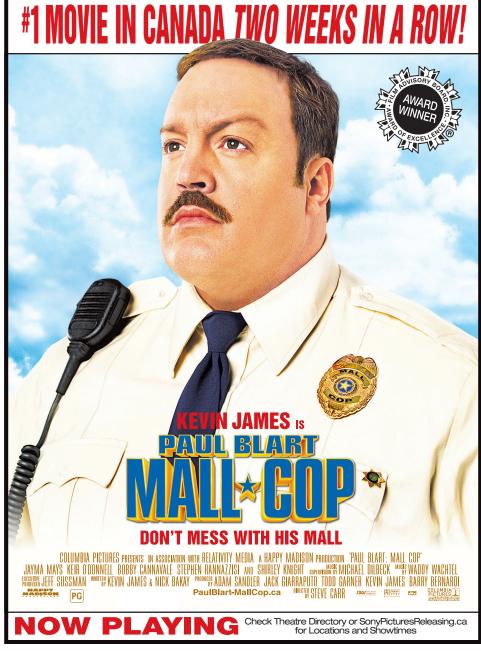
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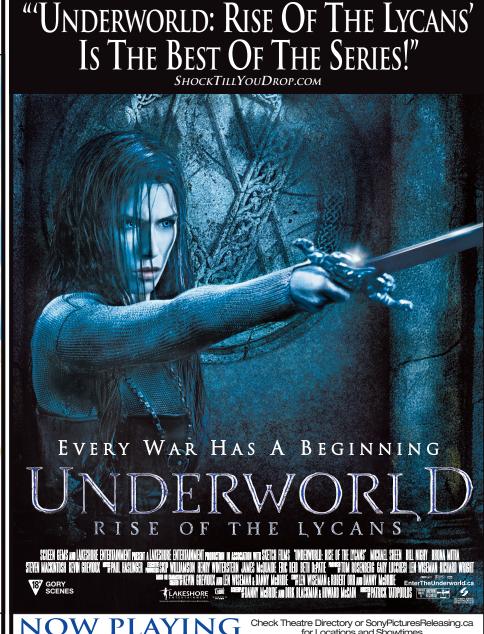
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The top pop albums, according to Billboard Magazine 1. Fearless, Taylor Swift; 2. I AM...SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé; 3. Dark Horse, Nickelback; 4. 808s and Heartbreak, Kanye West; 5. Twilight Soundtrack, Various Artists. REUTERS

Music



are two ere things I never expected to hear: (1) "As your financial adviser, I won't be charging you any management fees this year because your portfolio went down and I blame myself." And (2) "I have Eddie Vedder on the phone for you."

I'm still paying management fees on my RRSP. Eddie, on the other hand, was, in fact, on the phone from somewhere in Seattle. And despite his well-documented, er, reserve, the Pearl

well, rather verklempt in a good way. So how is he doing, following the inaugural of U.S. President Barack Obama?

"I'm OK. I'm beyond OK. I'm great. I'm so overwhelmed and overcome with emotion ... I feel incredible, I feel relieved, I feel exhausted."

So what kind of hopes and predictions does he now have, I ask.

"Two years ago, you were wondering what could there possibly be to unite our country and get us out of this mess. What can get us back on the positive? What can bring us back into some kind of standing with the international community? And it seemed like that there would not be any answer. Who knew we would get to this moment?"

Maybe Barack Obama's

simply going to be the re-ignition of hope, he suggests.

"So now it's up to us to keep that candle, turn that into a flame and keep it burning. And to protect and serve him and serve our nation now that the electorate has been invigor-

We had our own federal election in October and the turnout and interest was low. However, hundreds of Canadians travelled to Washington to take part in American history.

"Wow. Well, you know, we are connected — more than just geographically. Our cultures are very similar and when one goes down, the other is going to follow in certain ways."

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Vedder and the new America Take Me Out

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

Since 2004, Glasgow foursome Franz Ferdinand have been hammering out disco-infused indie rock. Not only did they become one of the biggest bands in the world with their massive hit Take Me Out, but they started a new wave revolution, with acts like Maximo Park and Bloc Party following in their footsteps.

But success isn't an antidote for boredom, so on Tonight: Franz Ferdinand, the group's third fulllength, the band decided to shake things up.

"You've got to push yourselves to try new things," says Alex Kapranos, the band's lead singer. "If we kept on doing what we have been for the rest of our lives, it would have been boring."

While not every track is a major departure — No You Girls might be the band's most infectious dance rocker to date — other songs are nearly unrecognizable. Lucid Dreams, for one, is an eight-minute keyboard driven electro anthem.

'That track was cut down from a 40-minute session," says Kapranos. "That song has quite a different dynamic to it — it's much more dance floor. We'd been lis-



Tonight, Franz Ferdinand's new album, was released this week.

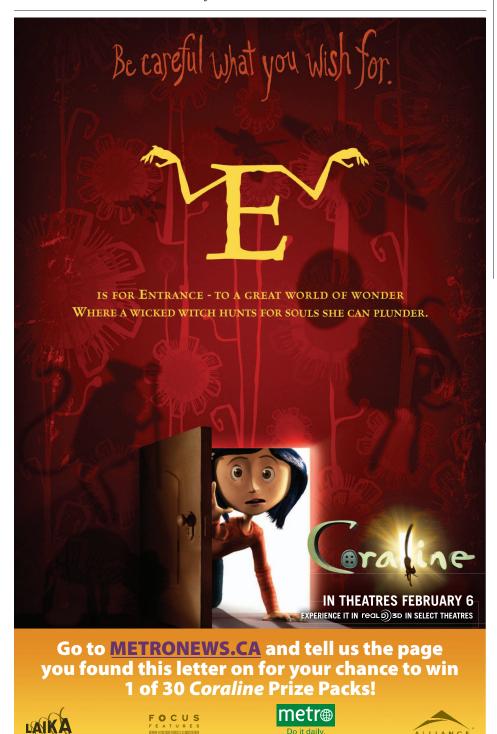
tening to a lot of mixes, where you build in a slow gradual way and bring the listener up. We're using different techniques than verse, chorus, verse.'

It's easy for a band to try new things, but what happens if their fans hate it? Like every musician, Kapranos says he says he writes for himself, not to sell records, but he did make sure to play his new songs live before releasing them.

"Part of developing a new sound is playing it to the fans," he explains. "We played a bunch of smaller shows in Glasgow and the States. Doing that helps you know what's working or what's not. You can try out the most crazy experimental ideas and sometimes it

Still, some fans may be curious as to what Kapranos was referring to, when in the band's new bio, he says that the disc is an album "to fling yourself around your room as you psyche yourself for an evening of hedonism." Don't worry, Tonight is not an all out techno record, but it does take their disco-friendly tunes to new, ass-shaking heights. That's thanks to their copious use of synths. "We wanted to go with a dance floor feel," says Franz's frontman. "There were a lot of keyboards around the studio and we wanted to use them.

"But we've always been interested in this kind of music," he adds. "This time the bass is really the heart of the record."



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Television

Super Bowl still the big ticket

IntelleVision



AD SPACE: The Super Bowl is one of the remaining real events on TV, something that has to be experienced in real time, preferably not alone. While primetime viewership erodes, an astounding 97 million U.S. viewers tuned into last year's game, and NBC is counting on similar numbers for not just Sunday's game, but the pre-game and half-time shows — and the commercials.

Super Bowl ad spots are premium products, and at least since Apple's epochal 1984 ad launching the Macintosh computer with director Ridley Scott's movie-quality visuals, Super Bowl commercials have been events. And for the most part, Canadians can't see them.

Sim-subbing is the industry term for the preemption of the U.S. broadcast signal with the local one by cable and satellite providers, and it ensures that Canadian viewers will only see the ads that CTV, the Super Bowl's local broadcaster, has been paid

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to air. It's standard industry practice, in effect whenever the same show airs simultaneously on both sides of the border, but there are some who say that it diminishes some of the game's lustre as an event.

"These ads are costly," says Brian Steinberg, TV editor for Advertising Age magazine. "The production values add a couple of million dollars on top of the ad buy price ... If you're a first timer or a small company who gets into these things, they're probably blowing all of their marketing budget on one ad"

With this kind of cash at stake, U.S. advertisers want to focus on their target market, says Steinberg. "I think the ads are aiming first at the U.S. audience, and I don't think Canadians are the biggest users of GoDaddy, or these other one-shot ads."

But Rick Brace, CTV's president of Revenue, Business Planning and Sports, says that GoDaddy has bought time on his network's broadcast, along with Nissan, Ford, Dodge, Kia, Labatt, Universal Studios and Pepsi, which has produced two spots especially for the Canadian market. While the buy-in for time on the Canadian broadcast isn't

as rich as the \$3 million US NBC is asking for a 30-second spot — CTV won't reveal what its spots cost, though Brace says, "It's a premium product and we sell it as such," — 4.2 million Canadian viewers did tune into last year's game in English Canada, making it one of the top 4 TV

events of the year.
Geography might mean
a lot to a TV network, but

NFL Super Bowl **XLIII**

it's nearly irrelevant on the Internet, and Brace says that most Super Bowl ads will be online within hours, even minutes, of their Sunday premiere. Steinberg says that for now, however, the broadcast event is still paramount. "They will be all over YouTube, but the biggest audience you'll get in one fell swoop will be on that TV screen ... It's nice to get some ancillary buzz, but the U.S. consumer base is their main customer."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Rick's TV**Picks**

The Musical **Brain**

Air date: Jan. 31
Network: CTV

The centrepiece scene in this documentary is probably Sting getting an MRI to help medical science understand how musicians' brains work. The great unanswered question, however, is why so many people like crap music.

-RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

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Stairway to Heaven

When: Friday at 8 p.m. Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall at the EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts, 205 – 8

Hear a new twist on the classic music of Led Zeppelin, performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. They will perform hits like Dazed and Confused, Stairway to Heaven and Whole Lotta Love. Call (403) 294-7455.

Bedtime Stories

When: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Where: Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Ave. SW.

Go to bed at the Workshop Theatre this weekend. Bedtime Stories begins its run Friday. The play features six different scenes and characters that all feature a bed as their primary focus. Tickets are \$20 (adults) and \$15 (seniors/students). tickets.pumphousetheatre.ca

Happening 2009

When: Friday at 8 p.m. Where: Eckhardt-Gramatté Concert Hall, Rozsa Centre, University of Calgary, 2500 University Dr. NW

The University of Calgary New Music Festival, Happening 2009, presents a performance by acclaimed flutist Robert Aitken and the Land's End Chamber Ensemble. Tickets are \$60 (adults) and (seniors/students).

Calgary International Salsa Congress

When: Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m, Sunday at 9 p.m. Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 700 Centre St. SE.

The dancing goes until 2 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel as international salsa dancers compete in the ESPN World Salsa Championship Qualifying Competition. For tickets, call (403) 217-0000 or visit calgarysalsacongress.com.

Hidden Nature

When: Debuts Saturday until Feb. 28, 1-4 p.m. Where: Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art, 730 – 11 Ave. SW.

See the debut of Western Canadian photographer Virginia Mak at Newzones Gallery. The Hong Kongborn artist's colour photographs of solitary figures were inspired by romantic photographer Caspar David Friedrich.

Giglamesh La-Z-Boy

When: Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30

Where: Big Secret Theatre, EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts, 205 – 8 Ave

One Yellow Rabbit wraps up the High Performance Rodeo this weekend. One of the last performances will be of Giglamesh La-Z-Boy, a modern interpretation of what's known as the world's oldest epic tale.

Dancing queen

Arassay Reyes kicks off CTV series dance tour

ROBYN YOUNG for Metro Canada

Arassay Reyes is just as sweet and personable over the phone as she came across on stage during last fall's hit show So You

Think You Can Dance Canada. The Havana, Cuba, native is one of the top 10 dancers from the first season of the

CTV series who will cross the country on a live tour over the next three weeks. When told she was obviously a crowd favourite and

could have easily made the final four, the talented brunette modestly gushes: "Oh, thank you. I really appreciate it, thank you so Her English isn't perfect:

she moved to Canada and began learning the language just three months before she was selected for the show.

The 21-year-old's dad first moved to B.C. seven years ago and last year Reyes finally joined him.



Cuban-raised, B.C. resident Arassay Reyes, 21, will participate in So You Think You Can Dance's three week Canadian tour.

"I came to visit and after that I told him maybe I will try to move here, because it's a beautiful country and you have freedom," she said.

She now calls South Surrey, B.C., home where she lives with her dad, stepmom and grandparents.

tour stops

stops in:

The So You Think You Can

Dance Canada Tour 2009

from the TV show. The tour

will feature hit routines

Calgary: Feb. 5 at

Edmonton: Feb. 2 at

Stampede Corral.

Rexall Place.

You Think You Dance Can Canada 2009 will Tour debut tonight in Vancouver. Reves said she can't wait to perform in home her province.

The group will repeat the perform-

ance 15 times over the next three weeks, hitting about three cities a week and in preparation they've been working overtime.

"Every day, I can't tell you, like 10 hours," Reyes said.

The charming brunette, who was paired mostly with Nico Archambault of Montreal, the winner of the televised competition, will again appear on stage with the handsome heartthrob.

She said she's looking forward to performing one of her favourite routines with him, a contemporary piece

to Queen's Somebody to Love in which Archambault dons black feather wings.

Wax figure of Michelle is next

"We really have the connection to be partners," Reyes said. "I don't know how that connection happened."

Throughout the competi-

tion the couple was applauded for their outstanding chemistry on stage.

During her off time, Reyes went back to Cuba and spent time relaxing hanging out with her fam-

The Caribbean island is where she learned to dance; she started when she was eight years old doing Latin, contemporary and folk dance and later attended the Cuban National School of the Arts. Her hard work eventually won her a spot in the National Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba (Danza Contemporanea de

While in B.C., she's been learning English and dancing with the Vancouver dance company America.

The three months spent taping the popular show last fall were grueling, Reyes said, and she was quite ready for a break and to see the rest of her family.

Now she can't wait to get back on stage.

'We're going to perform for thousands and thousands of people and I'm so happy to do it," she said.



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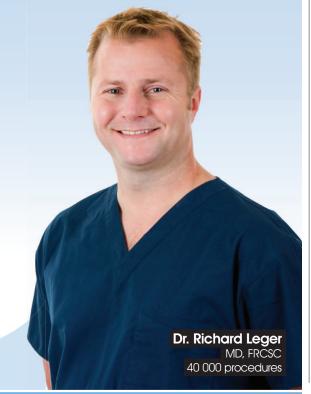
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Settlement reached on Heath's life insurance

Heath Ledger's insurance company and lawyers for his young daughter have reached an out of court settlement over a \$10 million policy claim on behalf of the girl, an attorney said yesterday. REUTERS



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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

BOOK Gaiman's story

about a boy raised by a NEIL vampire, a GAIMAN werewolf and a witch may have won the John Newbery Medal — the top prize for

children's literature — but the tale's eerie edge cuts across age groups. Really, this is one giant spookfest for the entire family.

Super Bowl ads ADS Come Sunday there will be football frenzy, munch parties, and some of the best commercials you'll see on TV this year. A 2008 favourite: Bridgestone Tires — Driving down a country road in the middle of the night. Deer happens. So does Alice Cooper. Thank goodness for those wheels.

Vicky Cristina Barcelona **DVD** Woody Allen's

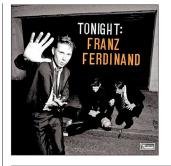
twisted and irreverent take on all things love, replete with ménage a trois, adultery and violent passion. A fiery

Penelope Cruz sizzles in the Spanish sun and Javier Bardem kills with those bedroom eyes. Not recommended for Valentine's Day viewing.

Caesar and Cleopatra **FILM** Get a taste of Canadian theatre on the silver screen. This filmed version of The Stratford Shakespeare festival's acclaimed production of the George Bernard Shaw play is the perfect antidote to the

Oscar bug. Playing at select

Cineplex theatres.



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Looks like Mickey Rourke won't be stepping into the ring for WWE's Wrestlemania after all. Rourke was approached by WWE to make an appearance at the big event, but his rep has drop-kicked the plan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

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My weight reflects my life: Allen

PEOPLE Lily Allen says she has many reasons to "smile." The singer is feeling better with herself and when she feels good, she keeps the weight off, people.com reports.

While promoting her new album It's Not Me, Allen, 23, says life "feels good," the press is treating her more kindly and the secret to being content with her body is to halt her urge to order French fries from room service in order to fill the happiness

The only reason I have lost weight is because I comfort eat when I'm not very happy," Allen tells U.K. tabloid the Sun. "The last two years, even though I had a lot of success with my first record, I was ... getting so drunk.

"I was on tour with people I didn't know, and I was all around the world



Jagger headed for clothing line?

DESIGNER Mick Jagger has fuelled speculation he's set to follow in pal Dave Stewart's fashionable footsteps after meeting colourful designer Christian Audigier in Los Angeles on Wednesday, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rocker and a bodyguard were spotted entering Audigier's office in Beverly Hills. The designer teamed up with Stewart in 2008 to launch the Rock Fabulous clothing line at Audigier's When I Move You Move trade show in Las



ScarJo's relationship Rowland drops her advice? Dump him

hansson is "in love with love," femalefirst.co.uk re-

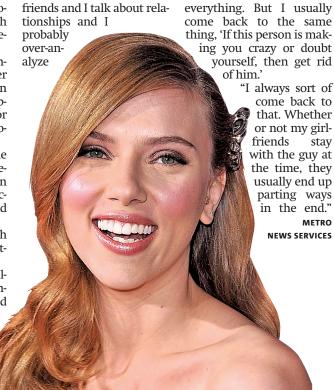
The He's Just Not That Into You star, who married her boyfriend Ryan Reynolds in a secret ceremony in September, is still crazy for Ryan but isn't sure if the romance will fade in time.

When asked about the impact marriage has on relationships, Johansson replied: "I have no perspective on that - you should ask me in 25 years.

"I am really in love with love. I'm a lover not a fighter. I'm a real lover."

The 24-year-old actress also revealed she regularly encourages her friends to end their relationships when they turn to her for advice.

added She Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper:



I'm not dumb, Paris says

IMAGE Paris Hilton says she sometimes acts dumb on television to get laughs, but in real life she's "a strong person" who's been through a lot, people.com reports.

Appearing on the British morning show GMTV to launch her new reality show Paris Hilton's British Best Friend, Hilton, 27, said she cultivated her dumb blonde image for her hit FOX reality show The Simple Life, co-starring Nicole Richie, and it became her shtick.

"For five seasons I was stuck doing this character," she says. "It was kind of hard always up the image somehaving to play times because whatever — it's that character entertainwhen it's iust not who am." **NEWS SERVICES** She adds, just say jokes but they think I'm serious. which I think is funny, and I think I kind of

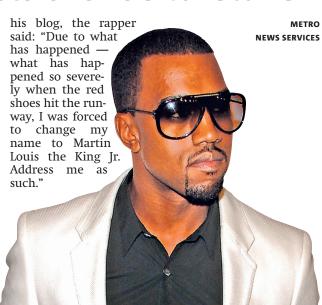
West boasts of shoe caretaker

FASHION Kanye West pays someone to clean his shoes, according to femalefirst.co.uk. The Stronger singer boasts he is so rich he hires someone to "take care" of his shoes — all 450 pairs of them.

He said: "I hire someone specially to take care of my shoes. They clean them, box them and take a picture of them so it's easier to find them."

recently West nounced he had changed his name after launching a new range of footwear for Louis Vuitton, which was unveiled during Paris Fashion Week last week.

In a video message on



manager Knowles

CAREER Kelly Rowland has parted ways with her manager, Béyonce Knowles' father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Destiny's Child singer and Mathew Knowles — who has man-

aged Kelly since she was in

the successful girl group

and also looks after his daughters Béyonce and Solange — agreed to separate earlier this week, with both parties insisting the split is "amica-

statement said: "Mathew Knowles has been posi-

Kelly's

ble.

tive influence in my career. I have had great success under his guidance — both as a member of Destiny's Child and with my solo projects. Although we have decided to part ways professionally, the Knowles family and the entire Mu-

sic World Entertainment team will always be my family.

It has been reported Rowland decided to call time on their professional relationship following a huge argument with the 58-year-old manager.

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Ritchie's 'better off' without Madonna: Dad

PEOPLE Madonna and Guy Ritchie's split may have looked ugly, but Ritchie's dad, John, tells In Touch that filing for divorce last October was a smart move.

The worst thing would be if they reconciled," he said. "Guy is better off. He's in the States with the children at the

moment." older The Ritchie notes that his former daughter-inlaw is

moving on just fine. "She's been here with a chap, a friend of hers," he says. 'We hope she does have a lot of boyfriends because it means she won't ever get back together with Guy.'

And, despite reports that the exes were fighting over their kids, Rocco, 8, and David, 3, Guy's father says they've worked it out.

There are no big arguments between them. All they discuss is the children," he **METRO NEWS**

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Lohan's life in danger, her father says in blog

has begged her fans to "intervene" to save her life, fe-

malefirst.co.uk reports. Michael Lohan who has previously publicly discussed his hatred of the Mean Girls actress' girlfriend Samantha Ronson — claims Samantha is "destroying" the 22-year-old star's life, and is desperate for as many people as possible to

PLEA Lindsay Lohan's father try to convince her to leave the relationship. He wrote on his blog: "I

> am asking everyone out their (sic) to intervene in every way possible to help Lindsay, and quite possibly, save her life. Help this wonderful, good hearted and gifted young lady to see what SaMANtha is doing to her and how she is destroying her life." METRO NEWS

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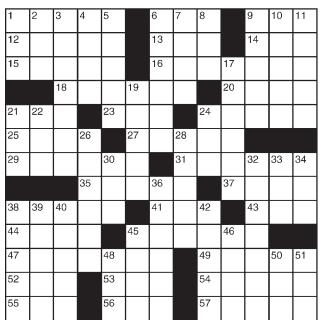




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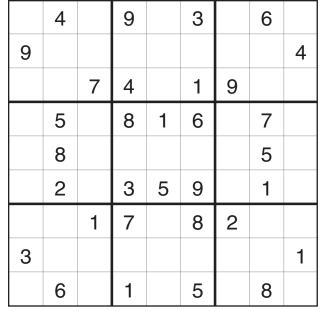
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- 54 Vertical
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- 56 Mound stat
- 57 Spiteful

Crossword down

- 1 Pose for a picture 2 Commotion 3 Rubs elbows
- 4 Piglet's papa 5 Rand's shrugger
- 6 Thing
- 7 Lectern location 8 Author Brown
- 9 Alley oops?
- 10 Mountain ridge
- 11 Runner-up
- 17 Showed signs of aging 19 "Saturday Night Fever"
- venue
- 21 Resistance measure 22 "Face/Off" director John
- 24 Praise in verse

- 26 Muumuu alternative 28 Up to the time that
- 30 Charged bit
- 32 Tennis match, often
- 33 Inseparable
- 34 Promptly 36 Nap
- 38 Oil of roses
- 39 African beast
- 40 Spirit in a bottle
- 42 Hawkeye 45 Batter ingredient, at
- 46 California wine valley
- 48 Caustic solution
- 50 Have a bite 51 Firmament
- PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Pasta and Tuna Salad with **Zucchini and Sundried Tomato Pesto**

INGREDIENTS:

250 g pasta twists or spirals, such as fusilli or rotini

2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil

1 onion, chopped 1 garlic clove, chopped

- 2 zucchinis, thinly sliced 2 tsp (10 ml) caster sugar 2 tbsp (25 ml) sun-dried
- tomato pesto 1 tbsp (15 ml) white or red
- wine vinegar 2 tbsp (25 ml) capers 6 tomatoes, skinned, halved and cut into thin
- wedges 1 can (6 oz/170 g) tuna in water, drained and roughly flaked 6 black olives (not oilpacked), pitted and halved Fresh Italian parsley to

garnish **METHOD:**

1. Cook pasta in boiling water according to the package instructions, until just al dente. Drain pasta, rinse with cold water and drain again.

2. While pasta is cooking, heat half of olive oil in medium saucepan. Add onion and garlic, and fry 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until softened. Add remaining olive oil and zucchinis and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 minutes. 3. Add sugar, sun-dried tomato pesto, wine vinegar and capers to onion and zucchini mixture. Heat for a few seconds, stirring until all ingredients have combined to form a dressing.

4. Stir in tomatoes, then transfer mixture to large mixing bowl and set aside to cool. 5. Add drained pasta to

bowl, then gently mix in tuna and black olives. Divide salad among 4 plates or transfer to large serving bowl. Serve garnished with some Italian parsley leaves.

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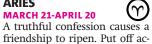
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punished.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Someone warms the cockles of your heart. Things will go right, for a change. Listen closely to a mystical story

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

An apology comes up after a family argument. A hypochondriac finally arrives in style. You'll start something, only to be interrupted.

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A painful condition is caused by a bad habit. A colleague will disappear within two weeks. Careless supervision becomes an issue.

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Control your temper with a casual acquaintance. Stay out of dead-end friendships. Problems involve a tidal wave of indeci-

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You can start living life on your own terms. Accidents cause travel mayhem. Share the benefits of your labour.

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A foot ailment needs a soothing bath. Delay making a major purchase. A missing loved one needs more empathetic treatment.

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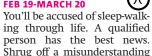
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